



Welcome to the **November 2023 edition** of **Down the Line**. Contributions from members are always welcome.

Presidents Message

Spring is here, the weather is warm, and the courts are in great condition – perfect conditions for tennis. All social, competition and coaching groups are now in full swing, with an increase in numbers from last season.

The AGM held in September elected a new committee. Thank you to our returning members: Gill, Mish, Paul, Claire, Ivan and Andrew R, who have all agreed to continue for another term. We are also delighted to welcome two new members to the committee: Andrew Greenfeld and Andrea Moorman. This is Andrew's first time on the committee, while Andrea returns after an absence of a few years.

Please note the **special events** which are coming up. It is always a busy time of year, but we are hoping to get a great turnout for these events.

The committee wishes all members a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing holiday. We look forward to another successful and fun year in 2024!

2023/24 Committee

Executive

- President: *Gill Harrowfield*
- V President: *Michelle Forrer*
- Secretary: *Paul L'Huillier*
- Treasurer: *Paul L'Huillier (Acting)*

Ordinary Members

- *Ivan Mock*
- *Andrew Robertson*
- *Claire Lucas-Gear*
- *Andrea Moorman*
- *Andrew Greenfield*

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- Paul L'Huillier

Deputy Editor

- Gill Harrowfield

Website Administrator & Membership Secretary

- Paul L'Huillier

Wednesday Night Coordinator

- Michelle Forrer

K&TDTA Section 1 Manager

- Lisa Bowring

K&TDTA Section 2 Manager

- Sonja Greenfield

K&TDTA Section 3 Manager & Junior Co-ordinator

- Claire Lucas-Gear

K&TDTA Club Representative

- Paul L'Huillier

Some Important Dates

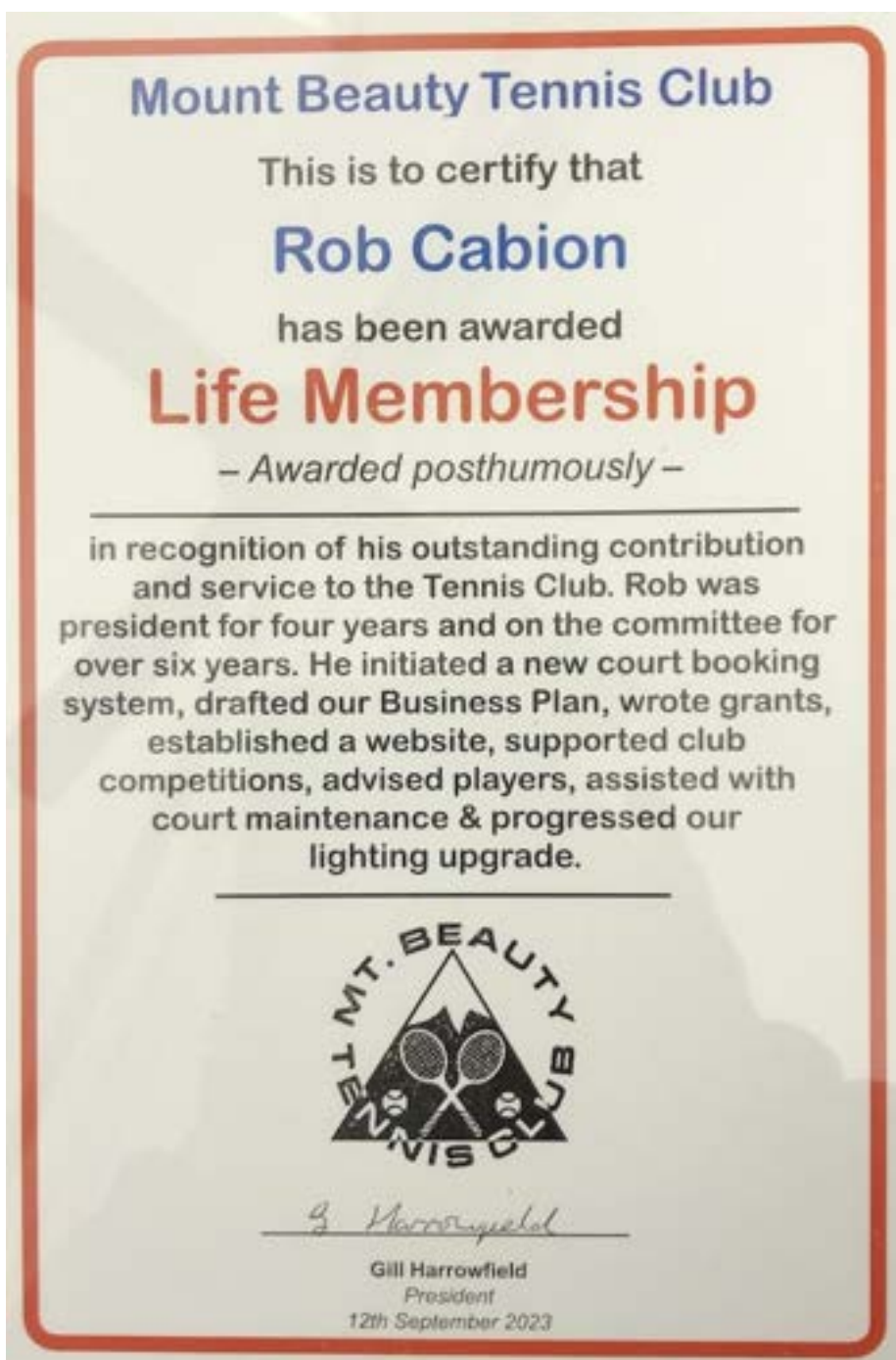
- **Social Sunday** — Sunday 3rd December 2023. Starts at 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Members are to bring their own food, drink, and a plate to share. There will be no BBQ. This will comprise social hitting, and some team play if members wish.
- **Social Night – Over 50's** — Tuesday 21st November, 7:00 pm for 1.5 hours. *We have heard about the 'lights', so let us try them out.* Bring a partner and a plate of supper to share. **Note** — This session takes the place of the normal Tuesday morning session.

- **Christmas dinner for the committee** — date and place to be determined.
- **K&TDTA** — Semi-Finals — Saturday 24th February and Grand Final Saturday 2nd March 2024.
- **Club Championships** — Saturday 16th March (format to be determined)

Vale Rob Cabion

His teammates in Mt Beauty and Albury will miss him greatly. In recognition of Rob's contribution to our club, he has been awarded life membership posthumously.

The certificate below was presented to Rob's wife, Sue, by President Gill Harrowfield.



Mt. Beauty Tennis Club	
Hon Life Members	
1956	L. WOODS
1967	G. CARDWELL
1972	P. BLACK
1972	N. HOFFMAN
1975	M. MORPHETT
1976	P. NICHOLSON
1982	N. RING
1985	L. HARVEY
2000	B. SLOCOMBE
2003	J. CREBBIN
2003	L. GRIFFIN
2003	S. THOMAS
2014	K. BELL
2014	J. HOFFMAN
2014	G. LITTLE
2014	S. ROMANCZUKIEWICZ
2014	L. VINE
2019	A. MOORMAN
2019	M. FORRER
2023	R. CABION

To **nominate a member for Life Membership**, please refer to the club website to check out the criteria. Click [\[HERE\]](#) to view.

Club Membership – due 1st October 2023

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so. — Click [\[HERE\]](#) to join.

Make sure you use the **same login as last year**, i.e. Facebook, Google or your own entered email address and password. **Note** – You will not get access if you change your login method. If you have problems contact the secretary.

Court Maintenance

This was carried out on all four court surfaces on 25 September.



Lighting Upgrade

This project was completed on 29th September. Eight new LED lights were installed at a cost of \$4,000.00. Complete installation cost \$49,379.00.



The Official Switch On
President *Gill Harrowfield*
turning the switch



As has been communicated to members previously, the lights are available for your use. The cost is \$5.00 per hour per court. If using two courts, it's \$10.00. **Note** — there are two switches, and each lights two courts.

Around the Courts

1. Wednesday Night Mixed Competition 2023 Spring Competition

It is a very busy night with 48 players in 12 teams of four. Six teams start playing at 5:30 pm and the other six at 7:15 pm. There are nine rounds finishing on 13 December '23. There is likely to be a grand final between the respective competitions' early and late winners. Thanks to *Michelle Forrer* for coordinating this major event. A similar competition will be conducted in the autumn of 2024.

Competition & Ball Fees — Direct Credit can pay these into the club bank account — BSB: 633 000 & Account No: 207 823 576. Please **reference** the payment with your name & ball fees. The fee is \$4.00/night for nine rounds.

2. Over 50's

This social group meets every Tuesday and Friday, starting at 8:30 am for 1.5 hours of doubles play. New players welcome- turn up on the day. It's a great social morning.

3. Thursday Ladies

This small group of very friendly ladies meet at 9:00 am every Thursday morning. You are welcome to join them! If interested, please contact the coordinator — *Leonie Prime* email at leoniemprime@gmail.com

4. Kiewa & Talgarno District Tennis Association Pennant Competition

This inter-town competition started on Saturday 7th, October and continues throughout the Summer months. Sections 1 & 2 (Seniors) play on Saturday afternoon, and Sections 3 (Juniors) play on Saturday morning.

Mount Beauty Lakers* have Section 1 and 2 senior teams (3 men and 3 women make up a team, (only 3 sets of doubles are played) and a Section 3 junior team – **Mount Beauty Mischief** (singles and doubles are played). For more information about this competition, visit the [Association's website](#).

Section 1 rostered players are **Men** – Wayne Williams, Callum Bowring & Campbell Moorman, **Women** – Lisa Bowring, Michelle Forrer, Leonie Prime, Andrea Moorman & Georgia Moorman.

Section 2 rostered players are **Men** – Ivan Mock, Andrew Greenfield, Peter Zumpe, Sam Smith Robertson, Jimmy Derrick & Paul L'Huillier, **Women** – Sonja Greenfield, Juliette Oddoux, Emily Macklan & Tina Thorburn.

Section 3 rostered Juniors are **Boys** – Zelk Shuttleworth, Jamie Herman, Tully Duggan & Hamish Retchford, **Girls** – Grace Shaban & Emily Macklan.

*if interested in playing please contact the secretary.

Junior Teams.

Also, *Claire Lucas-Gear* has been doing a wonderful job organising the junior teams for several years, but it is time for her to have a break. If you can help, please contact Claire at clairelg@hotmail.com.

K&TDTA Juniors Section 3 Training Sessions — *Claire Lucas-Gear* and *Andy Shuttleworth* are conducting a weekly coaching session on a Monday afternoon for these juniors. Thank you both for doing this.



Mount Beauty Lakers Section 1 Team: from left back: Campbell Moorman, Wayne Williams & Callum Bowring – from left front: Leonie Prime, Lisa Bowring (manager) & Michelle Forrer (4/11/2023)



Mount Beauty Lakers Section 2 Team: from left - Emily Macklan, Jo Macklan, Andrew Greenfield, Peter Zumpe, Ivan Mock & Sonja Greenfield (manager) (4/11/2023)

Coaching

The club is very fortunate to have the services of **Adam Fleming** – a professional and experienced coach. Adam offers group and private lessons for juniors and adults on request. Click [\[HERE\]](#) to view. He is oversubscribed for Term 4.

Hot Shots

This programme was offered to children 5 – 12 years for four weeks and has been completed. *Claire Lucas-Gear and Alison Kennet* underwent the training required to run this programme. Thanks, Alison and Claire.



Coaches: from left: Alison Kennet & Claire Lucas-Gear

Thank you to our supporters



Junior Profile – Zelk Shuttleworth



What are your goals in the sport,

My goals are to enjoy the sport and try to improve my skills.

When did you start getting an interest in tennis and start taking it more seriously?

I played when I was little but took the sport more seriously, and now I am starting to play competitions (junior and senior).

What coaching have you had, and who have been the coaches so far?

When I was little, I had *Jeff Hollows* and also last year, but now I have *Adam Fleming*, and he has helped me improve a lot. I have had a few private lessons with *Adam*, but mainly group practice.

How often do you practice?

This year, my schedule is Tuesday team practice that my dad started up to get our Section 3 Pennant Team (*Mount Beauty Mischiefs*) ready for the Saturday morning games. On Friday, I've got *Adams* group practice. And every now and then, Dad and I will go down and practice and use the ball machine.

What competitions do you play in?

- Mt Beauty Wednesday Night Mixed Competition,
- Section 3 Junior Pennant on Saturday mornings,
- Down as a fill-in for Section 2 Saturday afternoon. I can play in a few of those games if they need me.
- Last year, Dad and I went to a couple of Albury Competitions. Hopefully, we can go to those this year as well.



What have been your best results?

I'm most proud of the B-Grade club championships doubles in March, in which I partnered with Dad and placed first. But most of my games I'm proud of.

What are your strengths?

My main strengths are fitness and strategy. I also do other sports to keep up my fitness. I try to find my opponent's weaknesses.

Explain the support you get from your parents ... and others.

My dad and mum are very supportive and always excited to take me to any practice or event. They put in the time and effort to take me to my games and get me the equipment I need. Dad will always take me down to the

courts for a hit. I couldn't have asked for better parents. My sister will also come to some of my games.

Nan and Pop are also very supportive, like Grandma and Pa, and the tennis community are very supportive of me.

Junior Profile – Emily Macklan



What are your goals in the sport?

My goal for this tennis season would be to master my new serve and have this working as a weapon in my game. I also want to keep working on my gameplay overall. My long-term goal in tennis would be to become a pro or at least really good eventually; making a grand slam tournament to play at would be amazing. If I don't end up becoming a pro with my career in tennis, I would at least like to keep it as something to have in the background.

When did I get interested in the sport?

I used to dance when I was in primary school but found it just wasn't for me, so I decided to try tennis to give it a go! Ever since, I have loved playing the sport and having a hit with my friends and family. I had some fun with it at the start, but once I got involved in proper coaching and competition, I knew it was the sport for me and started taking it a bit more seriously.

What coaching and who?

I have had some private lessons and group lessons at Mount Beauty Tennis Club with *Geoff Hollow* over about three years, with lots of COVID interruption in the middle. This year, I have been going to Wodonga to the Margaret Court Tennis Academy and having private lessons in Wodonga with my coach, *Natalie Grandin* (who used to play pro singles and doubles) and Friday group lessons in Mount Beauty at the courts with *Adam Fleming* who played State and National level too. I also get great hints and tips from many adults who play socially and in the weekend comps.

How often, play and practice, competitions.

I play every Saturday in the *Kiewa and Talgarno District Tennis Association Pennant Competition* this year in Sections 2 for the Mt Beauty Lakers senior team and Section 3 for the Mt Beauty Mischief junior team. Last year and the year before, I played in Section 4. I try to find comps in Albury and Wodonga that I can play in to challenge my tennis play, and I will try to practice down at the courts on top of this and coaching. I have coaching on a Tuesday and Friday, then I play social tennis on a Wednesday night, and then Sections 2 and 3 on a Saturday. So, 3 nights a week, plus Saturday comp, plus other practice and general fitness training.

What have been my best results?

My best results would have to be when I played in the McKimmie Tournament in Wodonga in November 2022. I won the under-13 singles competition and came second in under-13 doubles with Grace Shaban. I did well in the Rex Hartwig Cup Tournament in Albury. I came first in the girl's under 13 singles match play and third in the under 13 doubles. I've also won the Mt Beauty Tennis Club championship for junior girls as well.

What are my strengths?

I love singles play and being responsible for my own game, I really like to think about game strategies whilst on the court. When I am playing tennis, I won't



always just hit it hard; I will think about where I could hit the ball to give me the best possible outcome in the point. I'm building on this all the time the more I play. I'm young and fit and working on my strength as I start to play more in older age groups and with adults. Being left-handed is a bonus as most tennis players are right-handed, and I think my backhand is a stronger shot at the moment. Tennis takes lots of mental strength, especially when things don't go well; I'm still working on not being frustrated when I make a mistake.

Support

The support from my coaches and family helps me get through tough times or when my game might not be the best. My family always supported me with all my games, no matter if they were good or bad results. They always try to give me extra little tips. One of my favourite things about having my family support me is when they bring sugary or sweet lollies to help me keep my energy up. Overall, I have to say a huge thank you to my family for everything that they do for me.

Other Sports

I am involved in scouts on a Thursday night, which is all different games, skills, or adventures (mostly outdoors). I'm involved in other sports through school, including Athletics, Cross Country running, Swimming, Tennis, and Basketball. I was the Athletics Champion, Girls 13 Year Old Age Group at school this year and have represented my school in region and division level in various sports too. I also downhill ski in winter. I don't have a full-time second sport because of how much tennis I do, and I continue to train in winter in Albury, so I don't drop my game.

Over the Net (snippets of news around the club)

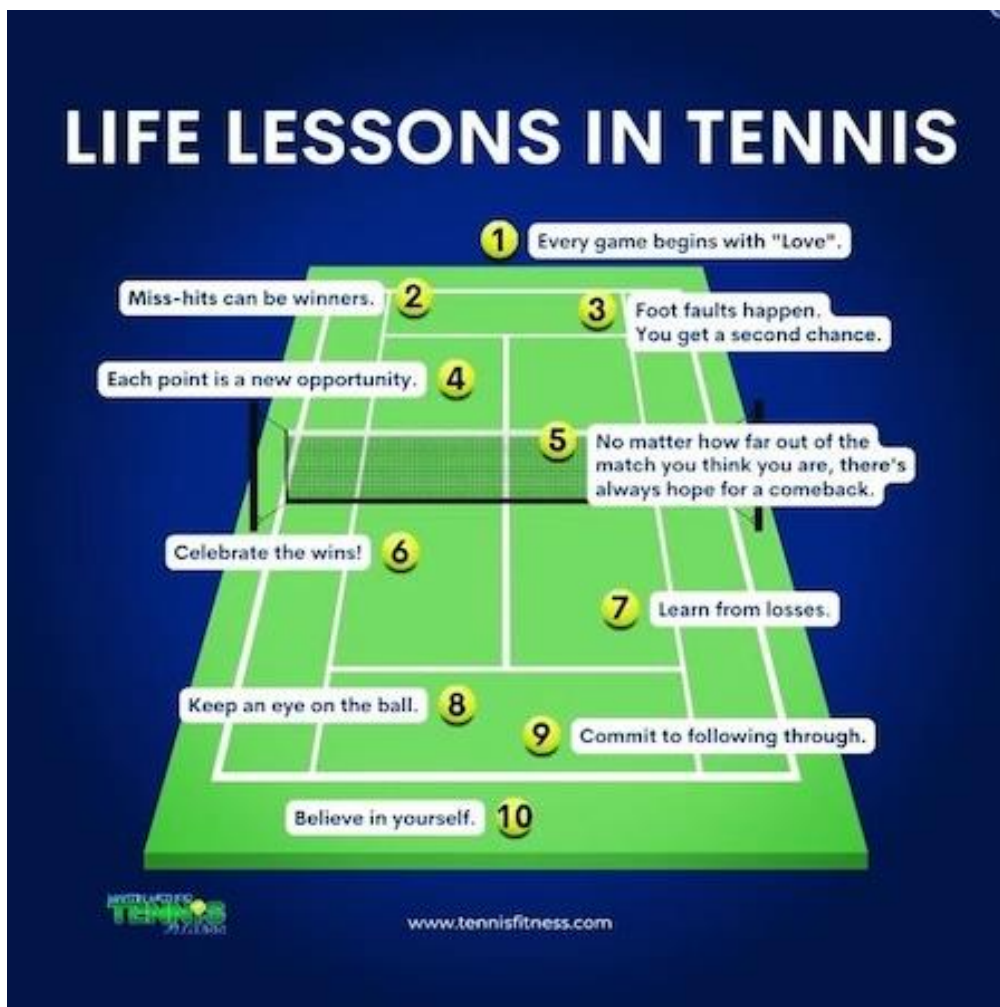
1. **Ball Machine** — getting plenty of use. Have you tried it yet?
2. **Old Ball usage** — What to do with balls that can no longer be used for tennis. Ideas for disposal.
3. **The display boards in the clubhouse** have been updated, i.e. Life Membership and Club Champions.
4. **Protective pads** have been installed on the half-fence in the centre of the court area.
5. **Primary School court usage** — three times per week in term 4.

6. **Wednesday Night Mixed Tennis** — A large number of players –48 (12 teams of 4). Welcome to all the new players to the club. We have 67 adult members to date.
 7. **Ladies Thursday Tennis** — looking for more players. It's very social.
 8. **Drinks in the refrigerator** — \$1.00 per can. Place money in a bucket that is in the refrigerator.
 9. **Members' usage of lights** — Details on the inside and outside noticeboards of the clubhouse.
 10. **Racquet restringing** — this can be done at SportsPower 3/435 Dean St Albury Tel: (02) 6021 5769.
 11. **Funding for a Light Controller** — We have been successful with an AGL Community Support Fund grant of \$4,213.00. Once installed, the Light Controller will work in conjunction with our online court booking system. *Ivan Mock* is managing this aspect of the Lighting Project. Thanks, *Ivan*.
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Learn Tennis

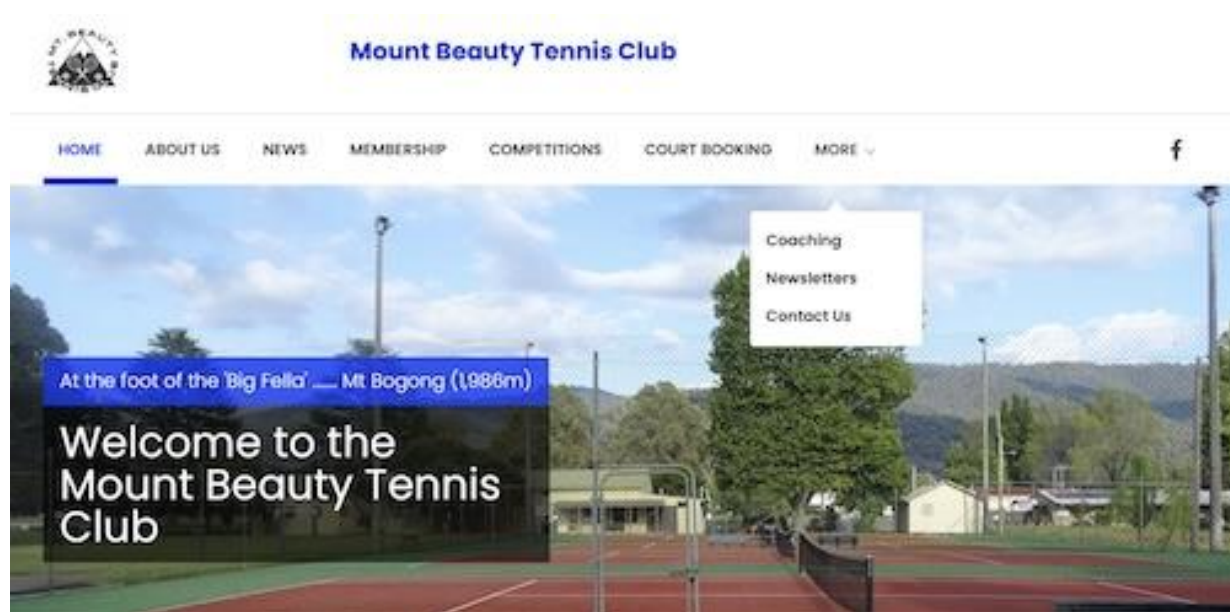
Instructional Videos

- [Tame the Toss](#)
- [Don't Serve With The Wrong Grip In Tennis - How To Switch To The Right Grip](#)



Club Website

Want to know something about the club? You will find it on the website. Tell potential members about it. **Click [HERE](#) to view.**



Door Code & Access to Venue Information – A Reminder!

As previously mentioned in the August newsletter, the clubhouse can now be used by any member of the Club whenever they are using the courts.

The code to the lock on the door of the clubhouse will be emailed to members as they join for 2023/24. Note — if you input the wrong code, press **C** to clear, then re-enter the correct code. For security reasons, please do not give the code to anyone else. If non-members start accessing the clubhouse, we will need to change the code. If you have forgotten the code, please email the secretary, mtbeautytennis@gmail.com, and it will be sent to you.

Use of the venue is subject to the following conditions.

Access to the Venue

1. Access to the Clubhouse by members

Members have access to the door code and are permitted to use the clubhouse **amenities** (kitchen, refrigerator, hot water, tea/coffee etc), **facilities** (toilets) and **equipment** (ball machine, radar gun, old balls and spare racquets). Members are required to leave the clubroom in a tidy state.

2. Access to the tennis courts (free to members)

Use your mobile phone and the QR Code on the gate, OR log on to the club's website and select Court Booking. You will be provided with a PIN that will enable access to the court via the main gate entrance at the date and time specified within your booking confirmation. You must enter the PIN on the PIN pad located at the main gate entrance. Once you enter your PIN, the PIN pad will light green, and the gate can then be opened. Your PIN will be active for 10 minutes prior to your booking time and expire 10 minutes after your booking time. If the main gate

entrance is already open or unlocked, you must still enter your PIN prior to entering the facility. Please close the lock on exiting the courts.

The Clubhouse – what a great facility



THE BONES OF AN ORGANISATION

It has been said that the membership of any organization is made up of four bones:-

The 'WISHBONE', who spends all its time wishing someone else would do the work.

The 'JAWBONE', who does all the talking but very little else.

The 'KNUCKLEBONE', who knocks everything that anybody else tries to do, and

The 'BACKBONE', who get under the load to do the work.

Which bone are you?

Looking Back



Mount Beauty Tennis in the early 1960s. Lighting has improved considerably since those early days

Mt Beauty takes out tennis final

Sports - Tennis

5 Mar 2014



CHAMPS: Mt Beauty Tennis Club's 2014 section four premiership team in the Kiewa and Talgarno District Tennis Association: (from left) Georgia Moorman, Zoe Hocking, Acacia Benne-Keeble, Ash Forrer and Jessica Robinson (emergency).
PHOTO: Chris Hocking

In a nail-biting contest held at Talgarno Tennis Club, the Kiewa and Talgarno District Tennis Association Section 4 grand final came down to the wire at three rubbers apiece (March 2014)